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Demonstrating Support for Homeless Count Week 2015

The 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take place January 27, 28, and 29, 2015. Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005.

While the count itself is federally-mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of services and housing provided are responsive to the need.

In addition, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor the

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progress towards ending homelessness. The County of Los Angeles must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim January 27-29, 2015 as *Homeless Count Week 2015*; and direct the interim Chief Executive Officer to work with the Executive Director of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Directors of the Departments of Public Social Services, Child Support, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works and Community and Senior Services, the County Librarian, the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Office, Policy Roundtable for Child Care, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and the Sheriff, to ensure support for the 2015 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer at this event.

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